University of Virginia.
Feb. 15th, 1833.

Dear Sir,

I am very much pleased with your project of having some agent sent to Europe to make himself practically acquainted with the new process introduced into the French Mint, for parting the precious metals by the agency of sulphuric instead of nitric acid. You ask me my opinion of the qualifications of Mr. Franklin Peale, for such a trust. I answer, by giving him my most unhesitating recommendation. I do not know any man more likely to succeed in such a mission. His skill, his perseverance, his address all fit him for the errand. His knowledge of the mechanical arts would, I am confident, enable him, at the same time, to bring you some valuable information on the subject of Coining &c.

Very faithfully, Yours &c.,

R. M. Patterson.

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